

Rest In Peace, John Arum

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The body of John Arum, the 49-year-old son of boxing promoter Bob Arum, was found on Friday afternoon on Storm King mountain near Seattle, a North Cascades National Park spokeswoman announced.

The Canadian Press reported that personnel in a search helicopter saw the lifeless body of the experienced climber, who was an attorney.

The report said experts believe he died from a fall. His family became worried after he didnt return as expected from a solo hike last weekend. A search for the avid outdoorsman, who wanted to climb the 100 tallest peaks in Washington, started Monday.

The Sweet Science sends condolences to his father Bob Arum, his wife Susan, as well as the extended family and friends of John Arum.

To those who knew John, please feel free to leave a fond remembrance.

Here follows a note sent out by the Arum family on Saturday:

The family of John Arum would like to express its heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has shared their concern with us during this tragic time.

John was a very special person. A wonderful husband, son, brother and friend, John meant so much, to so many. He was so loved and we miss him already.

First, we would like to thank the National Park Service, Chelan Mountain Rescue, Stehekin Community and the King County Sheriff's Office for its tireless efforts in conducting aerial and ground searches over steep and difficult terrain throughout the week. They refused to give up on their search for John despite the conditions and they were a constant source of comfort and information to us. Their dedication to their mission was awe-inspiring and we will remember them for that forever.

And to everyone from around the world who has reached out to us with prayers and messages of support, please know you have helped sustain us during this most difficult time. You have touched our souls.

Thank you again.

Love,

The Arum Family

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MANNY PACQUIAO TO DEDICATE NOV 13 FIGHT TO JOHN ARUM

Manny Pacquiao said he will dedicate his upcoming fight against Antonio Margarito to ...John Arum and the entire Arum family.

Pacquiao will take on Margarito on November 13 at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

John Arum, 49, passed away last week while on a hike in the North Cascades National Park which is located north of Seattle, Washington.

John was an (environmental) lawyer who fought for the people, the same way I fight for the people of the Philippines, Pacquiao said. Bob Arum is my promoter and my friend. I want to do this for the entire Arum family.

Michael Koncz, chief advisor for Pacquiao, said Manny asked me to go to Las Vegas and tell Bob personally, which I did.

Pacquiao said I will do my best against Margarito. He is bigger and stronger.

Pacquiao is in the Philippines getting training facilities arranged for the Nov 13 title bout. He will train in the Philippines, then head for the Wild Card Gym in Hollywood, Calif. to complete training.

Pacquiao vs. Margarito on November 13 is promoted by Top Rank in association with Cowboys Stadium. Pacquiao vs. Margarito will be available on HBO Pay Per View.

Arums firm, Ziontz, Chestnut, Varnell, Berley & Slonim, sent out a release after his death.

We were devastated to learn of the death of our partner, John Arum, in a tragic accident while climbing in the North Cascades. John was a brilliant lawyer who was extraordinarily devoted to his clients and the public interest. He was one of Washingtons premier environmental lawyers, achieving major successes in litigation to protect and preserve natural resources, often working pro bono. He was also a phenomenal Indian tribal attorney, developing close personal relationships during epic struggles on behalf of tribal clients. John had the great respect and affection of his partners, associates, and staff as well as counsel who worked with him. His clients deeply valued his advice and friendship.

John was also an avid outdoorsman. We take some comfort knowing he died doing what he loved. We send our deepest sympathies to his wife Susan, his parents and siblings, the rest of his family, and his many friends and colleagues.